

Members

ACTS, Inc.
Bay Area Youth Services, Inc.
BayCare Behavioral Health Services
Bay Point Schools
Bridgeway Center, Inc.
Broward County Sheriff's Office
Center for Drug Free Living
Crosswinds Youth Services, Inc.
Daniel Memorial, Inc.
DISC Village
Drug Screen Solutions
Evidence-Based Associates, Inc.
Gateway Community Services
Girls Advocacy Project, Inc. (GAP)
G4S Youth Services, LLC
Home Builders Institute
Human Services Associates, Inc.
Miami Dade Juvenile Services
Operation PAR, Inc.
Outward Bound Schools
Premier Behavioral Solutions, Inc.
Prodigy Cultural Arts Program of the University
Area Community Development Corporation
PACE Center for Girls, Inc.
PsyCare Juvenile Justice
Psychotherapeutic Services of Florida
Savannah Family Institute
The Children's Trust
The Henry & Rilla White Youth Foundation, Inc.
The Justice Research Center
Three Springs, Inc.
TROY Community Academy
Twin Oaks Juvenile Development, Inc.
VisionQuest National, Ltd.
Youth Services International, Inc.

Staff

Cathy Craig-Myers — Executive Director
Lynn Redmond — Project Director

Florida Juvenile Justice Association
1201 Hays Street, Suite 107
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
850-671-3442, office
www.fjja.org

Our Guiding Principles

Balanced Continuum of Services

We believe that public safety is best served by promoting the development of a balanced continuum of juvenile justice services that include prevention, intervention, probation, commitment and aftercare.

Ethical and Professional Standards

We believe that all youth deserve services that are delivered in a manner that meets the highest professional and ethical standards.

The Right Services the First Time

We believe that all placement decisions should be individualized and based on the results of a comprehensive evaluation utilizing defined assessment protocols.

Policies and Services Research Based

We advocate for sound legislation and Department policies/procedures that are based on research and that contribute to and supports effective juvenile justice services.

Kids are Different than Adults

We recognize that the needs of children and adolescents are different than adults and we advocate for a responsive justice system that translate into effective policies, programs, and services.

Blend Public Safety and Treatment

We believe that programming is most effective when there is a balance between treatment and public safety considerations and we advocate for the least restrictive care to change lives and protect the public.

Access to Specialty Services

We believe that all youth in need of specialty services such as mental health and substance abuse must receive these services as part of the juvenile justice intervention.

Academic, Vocational Education are the Keys to Success

We understand that education is a key ingredient of a youth's success and advocate for dynamic and individualized educational and vocational services geared to the learning level of the youth served.

Adequate Funding for Quality Services

We understand that effective programming and successful public safety initiatives and the development of a professional workforce can only be achieved with adequate funding.



Who We Are

Founded in 1994, The Florida Juvenile Justice Association is a statewide organization that strongly supports a common sense approach to juvenile justice that treats young people fairly, holds them accountable for their actions and keeps our neighborhoods, schools and communities safe.

The Association brings together juvenile justice system professionals and agencies and private and non-profit corporations committed to improving Florida's juvenile justice system for children and families.



We work with and care about at-risk youth in Florida, and we are committed to improving citizens' confidence in and reliance on the effectiveness and integrity of Florida's system of justice for its young people.

Our Mission

The Florida Juvenile Justice Association promotes the availability and accessibility of comprehensive, high quality services to pre-delinquent and delinquent youth and their families.

2009-2010

Legislative Agenda

Multi-Year FJJA Legislative Priorities

◆ *Balancing the Juvenile Justice Continuum*

Actions to support - FJJA will advocate to preserve front end services, aftercare services, and specialized residential treatment. FJJA will advocate for "no reductions" to current juvenile justice funding levels, with more wise investment in programming that provides a "return on investment" by closing the front door of the system and slowing down prison construction.

◆ *Enhancing Gender Specific Programming*

Actions to support - FJJA supports the efforts of the Children's Campaign/ NCCD National Center for Girls and Young Women *Justice for Girls Initiative* to spearhead systemic reform in the care and treatment of girls in Florida's juvenile justice system. FJJA supports recommendations made in the report *Justice For Girls: Blueprint for Action*.

◆ *Addressing Racial Disparity*

◆ *Ensuring Legal Representation*

◆ *Developing Alternatives to Secure Detention*

Actions to Support - FJJA supports legislation that reflects Blueprint Commission recommendations for systemic reform.

2009-2010 Specific Legislative Priorities

◆ *No Cuts to Direct Services*

Actions to support — FJJA advocates for no reductions to the DJJ budget for direct services. FJJA advocates that any funding reductions consider performance, utilization and maintaining a balanced continuum.

◆ *Improve Juvenile Justice Education Services*

Actions to support – FJJA supports legislation that addresses days of instruction, curriculum flexibility, improved funding formulas, vocational certification portability.

◆ *Maintain Funding for Juvenile Assessment Centers*

Action to support — FJJA supports maintaining current levels of funding with no reduction. FJJA will work with partners to communicate cost savings of this critical front end service.

◆ *Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services*

Actions to support — FJJA advocates for no reductions to behavioral health services for juvenile justice youth. Support rulemaking for BHOS to improve services and access.

